

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please replace claim 1 with the following:

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1 1. (AMENDED) A measuring distance device comprising:  
2 a sensor unit which detects an image signal related to  
3 an object to be photographed in a finder screen;  
4 a projection unit which projects a signal light on the  
5 object;  
6 a selection unit which selects a detection area for  
7 the image signal of the sensor unit;  
8 a change unit which makes a detection area selected by  
9 the selection unit when the detection unit detects the  
10 image signal with projection of the signal light by the  
11 projection unit different from a detection area selected by  
12 the selection unit when the detection unit detects the  
13 image signal without projection of signal light by the  
14 projection unit; and  
15 a focus adjustment unit which performs focus  
16 adjustment on the basis of an image signal output in the  
17 detection area of the sensor array selected by the  
18 selection unit.

[Please replace claim 2 with the following:]

1 2. (AMENDED) A measuring distance device according to  
2 claim 1,  
3 wherein the change unit makes the detection area of  
4 the sensor unit obtained when the detection unit detects  
5 the image signal with projection of the signal light by the

6 projection unit narrower than the detection area of the  
7 sensor unit obtained when the detection unit detects the  
8 image signal without projection of the signal light by the  
9 projection unit.

Please add the following new claim:

1 25. (NEW) A measuring distance device comprising:  
2 a sensor unit which detects an image signal related to  
3 an object to be photographed in a finder screen;  
4 a projection unit which projects a signal light on the  
5 object;  
6 a selection unit which selects a detection area for  
7 the image signal of the sensor unit;  
8 a change unit which makes a detection area selected by  
9 the selection unit in a first auto-focus mode where light  
10 is projected by the projection unit different from a  
11 detection area selected by the selection unit in a second  
12 auto-focus mode where light is not projected by the  
13 projection unit, wherein the first auto-focus mode is one  
14 of (a) passive, (b) active IR, and (c) active flash, and  
15 wherein the second auto-focus mode is another of (a)  
16 passive, (b) active IR, and (c) active flash; and  
17 a focus adjustment unit which performs focus  
18 adjustment on the basis of an image signal output in the  
19 detection area of the sensor array selected by the  
20 selection unit.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii),  
separate sheets with the rewritten claims marked-up to show  
the changes made to the previous version of the claims, is  
filed herewith.